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4. At present, the Kovoprojekta office in Bratislava is supervised by Ing. Frantisek Kamen, a Communist. His deputy is Ing. Loebl, who is not a member of the Party. Although the Bratislava office is subordinate to the central administration in Prague and the inspectorate in Bratislava, actually it is charged with the industrialization of Slovakia. Kamen, in conjunction with his colleagues in the Kovoprojekta branch offices at Kosice and Dubnica and the managers of the large enterprises, is responsible for the construction of new industrial facilities and the expansion of established installations in Slovakia.

5. At the present time Kovoprojekta is supervising the following construction projects:

- a. Expansion of facilities at the Komarno shipyard.
- b. Construction of munitions and arms factories in Dubnica.

Details of this very secret project are known only to Kamen. This project is being handled solely by military and Party members of Kovoprojekta under the supervision of a Communist engineer by the name of Borovicka.

c. Construction of an electrical equipment plant in Banovce nad Bebravou. ✓ Skoda?

Construction work on this plant has just started. The foundations of one hall are ready; work on the structure will probably start in October 1950.

d. Construction of a boiler plant near Levice.

This plant is to be the largest of its kind in Central Europe. It is reported that the Czechs have established a permanent investigating unit to explore the possibilities of sabotage because this project has not progressed as scheduled. The steel structure of the main hall should be completed and the equipment installed by the end of 1950. Kovoprojekta has had serious disputes with national planning office regarding the site of the workers' settlement.

e. Construction of a machine tool plant near Kosice.

One hall is ready; the other is under construction. This plant's production program has not yet been outlined owing to certain problems involved in this construction project.

f. Construction of a cable plant in Zavadka nad Hronom.

The Sigma-Pumpen firm in Olomouc started building this plant in 1948. Later in the summer of 1949 this project was taken over by the Kablo concern. The steel framework has been erected for two halls. Although this plant should be ready to start manufacturing enamel wire by the fall of 1950, it is almost certain that the plant will not be used for this purpose. For one reason the halls are too dark and for another plans are already in process for the construction of a new cable factory in a forest between Kezmarok and Levoča. Czech industrialists anticipate a labor shortage in the upper Hron valley because military authorities are preparing to build a huge chemical plant in the vicinity of Pohorela.

g. Construction of a factory for agricultural machinery in Snina.

This project has just started. It is believed that the plant may be used for some other purpose owing to the fact that a heavy crane type of structure has been designed for the plant halls.

h. Construction of a military plant "M-2" in a forest southeast of Zilina.

i. Expansion of several small factories.

Plans for this project were prepared by a secret department in Prague.

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